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In re Application of
Van Broekhoven et al.
Application No. 10/588,106
PCT No.: PCT/EP05/00929
Int. Filing Date: 26 January 2005
Priority Date: 09 February 2004
Atty. Docket No.: 00137.0091.PCUS00
ACH-3038 US
For: Alkylolation Process Using A
Catalyst Comprising A Solid Acid
And A Hydrogenation Metal

COMMUNICATION

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 26 January 2005, claimed an earliest priority date of 09 February 2004, and designated the U.S. The International Bureau communicated a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 18 August 2005. The 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 09 August 2006. Applicants filed a Transmittal Letter accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee on 31 July 2006. The correspondence filed on 31 July 2006 was assigned to the instant application number, 10/588,106.

On 08 August 2006, represented by other counsel (Frank C. Eymard), applicants filed a second Transmittal Letter, accompanied *inter alia* by authorization to charge a second basic national fee to a Deposit Account. The correspondence filed on 08 August 2006 was assigned to application no. 10/588,690.

DISCUSSION

As is evident from facts enumerated above, two sets of papers to enter the national stage have been submitted for international application number PCT/EP05/00929. An international application designating the United States of America culminates in a single U.S. national stage application; multiple U.S. national stage entries from a single international application are not permitted. Therefore, the submission of two sets of papers to enter the national stage in the United States was improper. The papers from 10/588,690 have been placed in application 10/588,106.

Neither the correspondence filed by Jacobus C. Rasser of Howrey LLP on 31 July 2006 nor the correspondence filed by Frank Eymard on 08 August 2006 included a signed power of attorney or an executed oath or declaration. However, since both Transmittal Letters included an

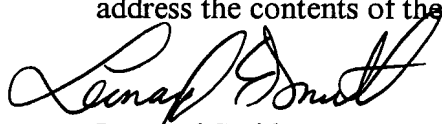
instruction to "Send All Correspondence To:... Customer No. 56744," correspondence in this application will be mailed solely to the address corresponding to that Customer Number.

CONCLUSION

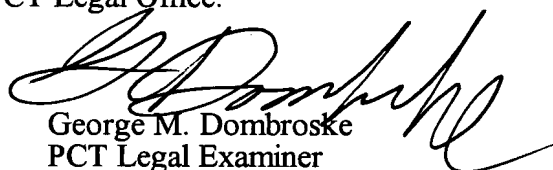
This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further national stage processing, including scanning all papers previously assigned application no. 10/588,690 and assigning them to this application number, 10/588,106. Applicant should use application number 10/588,106 in all future communications with the Patent and Trademark Office regarding the U.S. National stage of international application PCT/EP05/00929.

The \$900.00 in fees paid toward application no. 10/588,690 is being refunded to Deposit Account No. 01-0659.

Please direct any further correspondence with respect to this matter to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, and address the contents of the letter to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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